

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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FORUM OF OIL IMPORTING COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to form a forum alongwith the countries importing oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on the lines of oil exporting countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the manner in which it is likely to be benefited to the countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. However, Government had organized two Ministerial level Round Table, one on Regional Cooperation in the Oil Economy, Stability, Security and Sustainability through mutual Interdependence held in New Delhi on the 6th January, 2005 and the other on Cooperation between North and Central Asian Producers and Principal Asian Consumers regarding Stability, Security and Sustainability in the Asian Hydrocarbon economy held in New Delhi on 25th November, 2005 for developing better understanding amongst producing and consuming countries on issues of common interest.